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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mary B. Hoy Missionary Circle will meet at the parsonage Monday evening, Feb. 7.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer Thursday afternoon, Feb. 17th.

Foreign Missionary Day, Feb. 13, Grace Church will observe the day with appropriate services at the Sunday School hour and the morning service. We should have a liberal offering for foreign missions on this day.

Read the announcement in another column of the Harold Dale Saurer musical, Tuesday evening, Feb. 15. The admission will be 25 cents. Secure a supply of tickets and get busy selling them to your friends and neighbors.

The young men of the church are invited to meet at the parsonage on Monday evening, Feb. 7th, to organize a Personal Workers League and to plan the work for the Flying Squadron.

Mr. Stephans, of the Reformed Church at Huntington, gave us a splendid report of the Missionary Congress for Men, held at Allentown, Pa., at our Sabbath morning service, Dec. 26th. This brother's heart and soul is in the Lord's work. He is an inspiration to the church. We shall be glad to have him again.

Mrs. Zartman entertained the Woman's Missionary Society at the parsonage at the monthly meeting, Thursday afternoon, Jan. 20. Notwithstanding the bad weather there was a large attendance. Mrs. Rev. Shirey addressed the women at this meeting. She gave a very good talk on "The Child in the Midst." There were two members added to the society at this meeting: Mrs. Ed. Heyman and Mrs. Woolard. The next monthly meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer, Thursday afternoon, Feb. 17th.



HAROLD DALE SAURER

will appear in a song recital at Grace Church on the evening of the 15th of February.

We quote the following from the "Music News," a Chicago publication which will give our readers an idea of Mr. Saurer's standing among music loving people, "Great enthusiasm prevailed in the Music Hall of the Northwestern School of Music at Evanston on Thursday evening when Mr. Walter Allen Stults presented his professional pupil, Harold Dale Saurer, in recital. Mr. Saurer is equipped with the valuable natural gifts of youth, talent, voice, temperament and personality—a rather formidable array with which to battle down the walls of industry, application

and drudgery which surround success. So far he certainly has used them well and he sings not only with enthusiasm, spontaneity and abandon, but with a thorough submission to the evidently good training he has received. Not the least of the things which win him friends is a freedom from self consciousness. It has been a long time since the reviewer has heard a young person sing who so fitted into the text of the old song, "I sing because I love to sing."

His voice in quality is a high baritone and preserved its quality to the full range. In no number was this range, flexibility, resonance and responsiveness better evidenced than in the Handel "Honor and Arms," which opened the list. His German group had warmth and strong feeling, both for music and thought. He differentiated capitably a group of old and new ballads, being notably interesting in Carpenter's "Don't Care." With reverent use of his great natural gifts Mr. Saurer should go far in the profession he has chosen and Mr. Stults is to be congratulated as well.

Favorable mention is made of his singing at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, in Chicago: "For the offertory Mr. Harold Saurer sang 'The Lord is my light,' by Francis Alliston. He sang it so feelingly, so clearly and yet so powerfully that it resounded throughout the chancel and nave with a clarity seldom heard in so large a space; following the most exquisite shading came a powerful climax with voice and organ stopping at the same instant leaving a great reverent silence most pronounced.

Mr. Saurer is soloist with the Southside Sunday Evening Club of Englewood. He is to sing the leading baritone role in "The Pirate of the Gulf," to be given by the Amateur Club of Chicago. Mr. Saurer has been engaged to sing the leading baritone solos in Handel's Oratorio, "The Messiah," throughout the western states during the month of December.

Another editorial says: "The bass soloist of the Messiah has the most

sensational part of the work in his two brilliant solos, 'But Who May Abide?' and 'Why Do the Nations?' Mr. Saurer proved himself equipped for the part in brilliance of voice and vocal agility. Moreover he sang with perfect sureness and rhythmic certainty demanded in these trying arias. The work of last evening augurs a commanding plan in the oratorio field for this young singer."

Aside from all these musical comments that are so favorable we should feel a very special interest in this young man of our acquaintance. He and his parents have been members of the First Reformed Church of Blufton, Ind., and we have really always known him. He is really one of our own boys, and every member of Grace Church should feel a special interest in hearing him. He has worked hard to reach the place he now occupies, and is deserving of our appreciation.

His quiet unassuming manner and his entire freedom from any ostentation is refreshing to any audience. After he is through singing he will take your hand and meet you socially as a friend and brother, for such he really is.

Mr. Saurer will bring with him his own accompanist, Mr. Martin, who at present holds the position of organist of the St. Luke's Episcopal Church. His splendid work at the organ will add much to the recital as he will play several selections on the organ.

The admission will be 25 cents and we hope that not a member will miss this rare opportunity of hearing music that will not only delight but that will be an inspiration to all who come.

A good time to pray, to meditate, to examine, to think, is when the organist begins to play just before the service. The first strains of the organ should be an invitation into the inner sanctuary, into the secret place. It is not a time for visiting. It is a time to prepare for the service. It should be a serious time, when we come into the presence of God to claim His blessing upon the service, upon the singing, the

preaching, the praying; upon the minister, that he may be clothed with the power of the Holy Spirit; upon the stranger within our gates; upon saint and sinner, that each may receive his portion in due season.

Genesis 28:17—"How dreadful is this place. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

The Christmas cantatta rendered by the choir on Sabbath evening, December 19, was greatly enjoyed by the congregation. We are under special obligations to our organist and choir director, Mr. Jacobs, and the members of the double quartet for the splendid program of the evening.

The Christmas exercises by the Sabbath school, Sabbath afternoon, December 26, were the best we have had for a long time. There was a large attendance of children, young people and parents, and everybody was pleased with the program. The choruses by the school and the recitations, dialogues and singing by the children were all good; the tableaux were beautiful; the decorations, designed by Mr. Baumgartner, with the Bethlehem star, the lights and beautiful scenic effects added greatly to the interest and fascination of the service and were commented upon by every one. At the close of the service the members of the Sabbath school were given their usual Christmas remembrance. The children at the orphanage were not forgotten in the service. The Manger was well filled with canned fruit, vegetables, clothing, etc. The special Christmas offering for benevolence amounted to \$25.00.

Mrs. Sadie Boals died Saturday morning, December 18, after an illness of several years. She was born at Maples, Ind., October 16, 1860. She was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Olds. She was united in marriage to Mr. Navado Boals March 26, 1881. The family has been residing in the city for 25 years. Mrs. Boals was an amiable and unassuming Christian wo-

man. She united with the Methodist Episcopal church in early life, but for the past twelve years had been a member of the Grace Reformed Church. During her long sickness she was patient and resigned. She wanted to get well for the sake of her family, but was fully resigned to the will and purpose of her Heavenly Father. When the end came she passed away happy and peacefully. She has gone to her eternal home to be forever with the Lord. Her chief concern in the latter days of her life was that her family and friends might join her in the home beyond. The husband and one son and one sister survive her. The funeral services were held from the church on Tuesday morning, December 21. The remains were interred at the New Haven cemetery.

Mr. Abram Jones was called home to attend the funeral of his oldest sister, Mrs. E. T. Reese. She had lived in Beaver Falls but came to Columbus to be near her parents, who reside there, and to have medical treatment. She had been ill a number of months and was a great sufferer. For a number of weeks she seemed only lingering at the gate of death. She was hopeful though entirely resigned to God's will, whatever that might be. She was taken to Vanadocia, her former home, for burial. Our young brother, the family and friends have our sympathy and prayers in this great sorrow and bereavement.

Wednesday evening, January 19, the annual election for Sunday school officers was held. W. F. Close was re-elected superintendent; George Shiffer, first assistant; Ernest Baumgartner, second assistant; secretaries, Arthur Fritz, Derril Copenhaver; treasurer, Ray Deahl.

Mrs. Catherine Romy is also housed up and will not get out until the weather gets more favorable.

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THE SICK OF THE CHURCH.

Mrs. Roy Menser was taken to the St. Joseph hospital early in the month for an operation, which was quite successful, and she has so far recovered that she is at home again on St. Mary's Ave.

Mrs. Charles Woolard is at the St. Joseph hospital, where she had an operation. She got along very nicely and in a short time will be able to return to her home at 825 Columbia Ave.

Mrs. Henry Kessler had the misfortune of dislocating her right shoulder early in the month, and a few weeks later the shoulder was dislocated again. While she is getting on very comfortably now, it will be some time before she will have the use of her arm.

The younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Westerick has been very ill with grip and sciatic rheumatism. We are glad to learn that she is much better. This family resides about ten miles east of the city. They get in to Sabbath School and church quite regularly.

Mr. and Mrs. Horstman, on West Jefferson street, have been housed up ever since early in the winter. They are both in poor health. Mr. Horstman is past 81 and Mrs. Horstman is past 76 years of age.

Mrs. Susan Smith has not been able to get out to the services for the two or three months past on account of ill health.

The annual congregational meeting was held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 5. The meeting was opened with singing, scripture reading and prayer. The usual annual reports were read by the secretaries and treasurers of the church, and the various church organizations. These reports were adopted and referred to the consistory to be audited.

The Music committee made a report through its chairman, Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer. The committee stated that if the choir was to be continued, additional funds would have to be provided. The committee was instructed to carry out its plans and members of the church were asked to make personal contributions to the music fund.

The result of the election was as follows: Elders, Frank Leikauf, S. D. Zeis; deacons, John Ruck, Ernest Baumgartner, Arthur Weiler; financial secretary, W. F. Close; treasurer, J. W. Brewer.

The monthly and annual meeting of the Doremus society was held Wednesday afternoon, January 5. At this meeting the annual election for officers was held with results as follows: President, Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer; vice president, Mrs. John Snyder; recording secretary, Miss Anna Doermer; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Leikauf. The officers of the society, together with the following members, appointed by the president, constitute the executive committee—Mrs. Bitner, Mrs. Zartman, Mrs. H. P. Dinger, Mrs. Straub, Mrs. Kessler.

At a meeting of the executive committee plans were made for the year's work of the society. The usual suppers will be given, social afternoon's will be continued, an Easter market will be held, and Christmas sale and supper as in former years.

An entertainment committee was appointed with Mrs. Zartman as chairman; assistants, Juaneta Heyman, Edith Shiffer, Ruth Gumpfer, Esther Kessler, Helen Trish, Mrs. H. E. Metzner, Mrs. F. D. Knot, W. F. Close, Abram Jones, Evan Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Deahl.

The Doremus society is to be congratulated for the splendid work it did the past year. We hope it may have the support and co-operation of the entire church during the present year.

A committee on sewing was appointed with Mrs. J. H. Straub as chairman, Miss Libbie Felker and Mrs. E. C. Close, assistants.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

January 5, 1916.

To the Officers and Members of Grace
Reformed Church—

I herewith hand you my report for
the year 1915:

Receipts.	Sub.	Misc.	Special
1st quarter. \$	283.30	\$15.52	\$15.00
2d quarter.	317.92	35.86	28.45
3rd quart...	298.09	16.58	37.25
4th quart..	462.78	20.36	166.00
Totals ...	\$1,302.02	\$88.32	\$246.70

\$1,637.11

All of which has been deposited in
the First National Bank to the credit of
the Church and subject to the treas-
urer's checks.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. CLOSE,
Financial Secretary.

BENEVOLENCES

First quarter	\$ 47.80
Second quarter.....	100.72
—including Sunday School Easter offering.	
Third quarter	67.10
Fourth quarter	97.56
Total	\$313.18
Paid on apportionment.....	111.40
Balance on hand.....	\$201.78

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. CLOSE,
Financial Secretary.

Statement of Treasurer for 1915
Collections Received:

First Quarter

Regular offerings.....	\$283.30
Miscellaneous offerings.....	15.52
Extra offerings	15.00
Total	\$313.82

Second Quarter

Regular offerings	\$317.92
Miscellaneous offerings	35.86
Extra offerings	78.45
Total	\$432.23

Third Quarter

Regular offerings	\$298.09
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Miscellaneous offerings.....	16.58
Extra offerings	37.25

Total\$351.92

Fourth Quarter

Regular offerings	\$402.76
Miscellaneous offerings	20.36
Extra offerings	191.00

Total\$614.14

Total Collections.....\$1,712.11

Expenditures**First Quarter**

Pastor's salary	\$225.00
Organist salary	13.75
Janitor salary	30.00
Fuel and light.....	3.96
Miscellaneous expense	2.39

Total\$275.10

Second Quarter

Pastor's salary	\$305.00
Organist salary	26.04
Janitor salary	45.00
Fuel and light	65.57
Miscellaneous expense	12.41

Total\$454.02

Third Quarter

Pastor's salary	\$205.00
Organist salary	35.75
Miscellaneous expense	78.40

Total\$319.15

Fourth Quarter

Pastor's salary	\$428.73
Organist salary	51.85
Janitor salary	15.00
Fuel and light	67.78
Miscellaneous expense	100.48

Total\$663.84

Total Expenditures.....\$1,712.11

Respectfully submitted to the mem-
bers and officers of Grace Reformed
Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.

F. W. BREWER,
Treasurer.

Musical program for Sabbath Evening, February 6:

Organ—Rustic Wedding West
 Quartet—The Lord Is My Light . . .

. Marchant
 Organ—Memories St. Clair

Tenor and Baritone Duet—God That
 Madest Earth, and Heaven, Rathburn
 Violin, Piano and Organ—Berceuse . .

. Pinto
 Soprano Solo—Ave Maria . . Mascogni

Organ—Variations on an American
 Air (by request) Flagler

Quartet—Lead Kindly Light . . . Evans
 Organ—St. Cecilia Offeratory in D

Major Batiste
 A. Leslie Jacobs, organist and choir

director; Miss Georgia Bauer, mazzo
 soprano; Miss Evelyn Hinton, contralto;
 Abram Jones, tenor; Bloyd Sarman,
 baritone; Miss Georgette Bonelli, violinist;
 Miss Vera Sessler, pianist.

Y. P. S. C. E. TOPIC AND LEADERS February.

Feb. 6.—Christian Endeavor Fidelity
 and Force. Matt. 25:31-46. (Christian
 Endeavor Day.) Evan Williams.

Feb. 13.—The Consecration of Influence.
 Heb. 10:19-25. (Consecration
 meeting.) Lulu Bitner.

Feb. 20.—How to Put the Bible into
 Life. Ps. 119:105-112. Arthur Weiler.

Feb. 27.—Exterminate the Saloon!
 Why? How? Heb. 2:1-14. Ernest
 Baumgartner.

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